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WCW, Herd Charge "Philosophical Differences"

PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY SUSPENDED; MESSY LEGAL FIGHT COULD BE BREWING

ATLANTA---In a scene vaguely reminiscent of a confrontation at The Center Stage two years ago, Paul E. Dangerously has been unceremoniously dumped from television broadcasts of World Championship Wrestling, Inc., and suspended indefinitely with pay by WCW senior vice president Jim Herd.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

HARD COPY PROFILES VON ERICH TRAGEDIES

LOS ANGELES---The syndicated tabloid magazine *HARD COPY* has unfurled the tale of the Von Erich family in a six-minute report last Friday.

The segment, which broke no new ground on the family's tragedies, focused on the deaths of four of the six sons of Fritz and Doris Von Erich (Jack and Doris Adkisson).

Included was an interview with Mike Von Erich, taped after his 1988 return to the ring, shortly before his alleged suicide from a drug overdose.

The final two minutes centered on the recent suicide of Chris Von Erich, youngest of the surviving sons.

GEORGIA ALL-STAR CANCELED ON WVEU

ATLANTA---*PRO WRESTLING '91*, the two-year-old showcase for Georgia All-Star Wrestling, has been canceled as part of WVEU-TV's *SATURDAY NIGHT SUPERSTARS* marathon.

Georgia All-Star president Joe Pedicino made the announcement Thursday night. Pedicino's responsibilities as head of the Global Wrestling Federation have limited his time to focus on GAS.

The final telecast of *PW '91* is slated for Oct. 25. The following week, the GAS series will be replaced by *THE NEW PRO WRESTLING THIS WEEK*, a revival of Pedicino's 1986-89 magazine series, which Pedicino will again host (see page 2).

The sudden turn of events erupted Monday and involves a complex series of developments related to a planned Nov. 11 WCW taping at the Mid-South Coliseum in Memphis, jointly with Jerry Jarrett's USWA, a taping now canceled.



Steve
Beverly

A reported showdown in the WCW office at CNN Center at the noon hour between Herd and Dangerously involves, on the periphery, Jarrett, USWA champion Jerry Lawler, GLOBAL TV champion Eddie Gilbert and WCW/TBS commentator Jim Ross.

Herd did not respond to MATWATCH's request for a comment.

WCW president Jack Petrik was overseas last week, scheduled for a Monday return. WCW spokesman Barry Norman issued the following statement to a number of reporters: "Paul E. Dangerously has been suspended for philosophical differences, pending review."

Friday, Dangerously's New York-based attorney, Bruce Gold, who handled the 26-year-old WCW/TBS co-host's legal action against the mat company after his 1989 firing by then-booker Ric Flair, released a prepared statement: "World Championship Wrestling has announced that it has suspended Paul E. Dangerously. The reason given for this action is the existence of philosophical differences. Mr. Dangerously asserts categorically that there are neither philosophical, nor policy differences between himself and the management, employees or agents of World Championship Wrestling and there are no valid grounds upon which World Championship Wrestling can base its unwarranted, unilateral decision to breach its contractual relationship with Mr. Dangerously. Mr. Dangerously is distressed that, for the second time, World Championship Wrestling is preventing him to do the job for which he was employed and is presently conferring with counsel to determine the appropriate legal response."

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---BRUCE GOLD
Paul E.'s Attorney

The statement continues: "He (Dangerously) is prepared to explore all remedies available in response to this illegal suspension and the resulting damage to his professional reputation and the goodwill associated therewith. Any further statement will be made by Mr. Dangerously's attorney."

MATWATCH attempted to contact several involved parties. We spoke to Gilbert Sunday. Jarrett could not be reached. As a WCW employee, Ross is prevented from public comment.

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Only in Atlanta

PEDICINO REVIVES PWTW NOVEMBER 2

ATLANTA---Returning to a format he pioneered in 1986, Joe Pedicino hosts *THE NEW PRO WRESTLING THIS WEEK* on WVEU-TV's *SATURDAY NIGHT SUPERSTARS* beginning Nov. 2.

"We're going back to our roots by bringing back *PWTW* but we won't be going into national syndication with the show right away," says Pedicino, president of the Global Wrestling Federation.

PWTW, which began as a local show in Atlanta in March 1986 before entering syndication later that fall, ran for three years before being withdrawn in 1989. Pedicino first gained attention with the series style as a wrestling newsmagazine when he featured Paul Orndorff in an on-set interview the week immediately after his WWF turn on Hulk Hogan in the summer of 1986.

The new version will feature one GWF match per week, along with matches from independent and international circuits (including LPWA and LUCHA LIBRE) and mat classics. Pedicino also intends to present news briefs on the WWF and WCW and will likely incorporate the Scott Hudson/Steven DeTruth (Steve Prazak) POINT/COUNTERPOINT segments.

"A lot of people have missed *PRO WRESTLING THIS WEEK* and while there are not nearly the number of American promotions to draw from as we had in 1986, we think we can present a fast-moving, entertaining show," says Pedicino.

MATWATCH: THE FINAL CHAPTER

Guess it would help to know how much something costs if you're going to order it. Chalk up last week to overdrive.

Our 1991 "last show of the series," *MATWATCH: THE FINAL CHAPTER*, a 100-page retrospective of four years of this publication, which will include a number of previously untold stories (along with our recap of the Top 15 TV news stories of 1991) will be published Feb. 15.

This year's cost is \$13.00 (U.S./CANADA), \$21.00 (OVERSEAS). Orders are now being taken. Send CHECK, CASH or MONEY ORDER to: *MATWATCH*, 16 ROBIN HOOD LANE, JACKSON TN 38305. Please specify the checks are for the annual. All annuals will be mailed First Class.

Steve Beverly Column

PAUL E., WCW GO TO WAR (Continued from Page 1)

We did talk to several sources, close to both parties, who asked for anonymity. The following is a summary of the situation:

***DANGEROUSLY IS APPARENTLY ACCUSED OF BLOWING THE MEMPHIS DEAL AFTER A CONVERSATION WITH GILBERT: WCW consultant Jim Barnett had largely organized the Nov. 11 deal with Jarrett for Nov. 11, which apparently would have included a Lex Luger-Jerry Lawler match. Sources say the tape date was commonly known within WCW but only top-level execs knew any specifics. Sources close to Dangerously say they don't believe Paul knew any details, other than the date. Reportedly, he casually mentioned it to Gilbert.

***GILBERT QUIZZED LAWLER, WHO SQUASHED THE DEAL: Gilbert, who has aborted a planned three-week program with Lawler in Memphis (originally

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---WCW STATEMENT

slated for Gilbert to win the USWA "world" title last week and lose it back in a "retirement" match next Monday), asked Lawler if he was "getting him ready for Luger." Gilbert, who addressed the situation on John Arezzi's *PRO WRESTLING SPOTLIGHT* Sunday, told us Dangerously never told him any specifics of the Memphis deal. "I don't think he knew anything about it other than the date," said Gilbert. The Global TV champion says it was Lawler who outlined the scenario to him.

***LAWLER APPARENTLY DECIDED HE DID NOT WANT TO DO A JOB FOR LUGER: The USWA champion concluded, according to insiders, the situation was far more advantageous to WCW than the USWA. Jarrett and Lawler were both said to be upset Ross alluded on his Oct. 12 *ROSS REPORT* on *The Wrestling Hotline* that Lawler was the only champion to answer an open challenge from Luger. Jarrett and Lawler believed secrecy was the key to success of the venture.

Jarrett called WCW Monday morning to cancel. An emergency meeting of the WCW "steering committee" was called. Insiders say Herd felt Dangerously's conversation with Gilbert was the catalyst leading to the deal's collapse, based in part on a belief Dangerously has been a prior leak. Dangerously was summoned to CNN Center, hours before WCW tapings. During a heated exchange, he was told of his suspension. Dangerously was reportedly shocked. The move comes only weeks before a speculated Dangerously return to managing, possibly to handle Rick Rude if WCW signs the ex-WWF/NWA star (see *MATWATCHING*, page 5).

MATWATCH has been told an attorney contacted Jarrett Tuesday to discuss the situation but specifics of that call are not known.

Herd refuses comment and WCW is not saying what kind of "review" is pending. Its last legal tangle with Dangerously was costly. He settled a suit in April 1990 over the firing by Flair after a Center Stage hallway confrontation. WCW agreed to pay Dangerously back wages for the seven months he was idled. He is owed at least \$60,000 for the remainder of his current deal, which expires April 1.

One party from another promotion offered: "Somebody wanted Paul out but the question is who. Herd? Someone on the committee? Paul has his enemies within the inner circle of WCW but why was he singled out when the card would have leaked from the (WCW) booking sheets?"

Ironically, Dangerously has been assailed for recent *PWNY* shows in which he mocked Flair's "real world title" WWF angle. But as one analyst says, "Whether Herd is right or wrong, he'll never come out ahead with hardcore fans. Even the ones mad at Paul because of the Flair thing will side with him because of how they feel about Herd."

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VIDIOTS

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(SOUTH ATLANTIC) - Denny Brown d. Ricky Starr but ref Gary Royal attacks Brown after; Tommy Angel/Tommy Seabolt d. Jim Johnson/Tyrone Knox; (SOUTH ATLANTIC TITLE) Manny Fernandez d. Chris Chavis to win belt. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(GLOBAL/ESPN) - [Tue.]: Renegade Warriors d. Davis Bros.; Bad News d. Steven Dane; Firecat d. Cuban Assassin; Patriot d. Cactus Jack by DQ when Rip Rogers runs in. Entire Cartel holds down Patriot for Makham Singh to splash. Handsome Stranger/Chris Walker/Steve Simpson save; Stranger d. Rod Price; Joel Deaton/Billy Black d. Terry Daniels/Brian Adias; Walker d. Bill Irwin but Bill whips Chris after until Patriot chases; (GLOBAL TAG TITLE FINALS) Walker/Simpson d. Scott Anthony/Rogers. NO RATING....repeat show.

(GLOBAL/SYN) - [MAJOR LEAGUE]: Barry Horowitz/Million \$ Baby d. Terry Garvin/Mario Santana when Horowitz legdrops Santana; Stranger vs. Ken Stryker (ANGLE) Before match, Anthony---dressed as Thelma Harper---asks for autograph. Stranger leans down to sign, Scotty pummels him; (NEWSROOM) Joe Pedicino on Chaz-Lightning Kid feud, Randy Savage; (GLOBAL LT. HWT. TITLE) Lightning Kid d. Chaz w. loaded boot; Walker/Simpson d. Stryker/Tony George; (REPLAY) Gary Young d. Irwin by DQ when Skandor Akbar/John Tatum/Price run in & triple on Gary. Irwin saves Gary w. whip; (6-MAN) Maulers/Tatum no contest vs. Renegades/Jeff Gaylord. (FINALE) Anthony calls on Stranger to retire. DRAW-PLUS.

(PRO WRESTLING '91) - [GA. TV TITLE] Terry Leyland d. Billy Black to win belt; (GLOBAL) Tatum/Price d. Young/Gaylord; (CLASSIC) Bruiser Brody/Jules Strongbow d. D.C. Drake/Damien Kane; (INTL/JAPAN) Antonio Inoki d. Bam Bam Bigelow; Joel Deaton d. Eddie Sweat; Deaton d. Atom Steel. RESTHOLD.

(WWF/USA) - [PRIME TIME]: Big Bossman d. Dwayne Gill; (GUEST) Warlord/Slick; Greg Valentine d. Col. Mustafa; (SEG) Warlord/Slick kidnap Jamieson and use him for series of weightlifting demonstrations; (PLUG) Hoosierdome as WRESTLEMANIA VIII site; (GUESTS) Nasty Boys, who run wild through Titan bldg. w. "Nasty Cam;" (REPLAY) Ric Flair/Roddy Piper/Vince McMahon angle; (GUEST) Piper, who wreaks verbal havoc on Flair/Bobby Heenan; Virgil d. Pat Tanaka; (CLIP) Hulk Hogan in "Suburban Commando;" Hercules d. Barbarian when Slick trips Barb up & holds down leg. Barb tosses Slick in after, decks Herc & tosses Slick over top face down; Berserker d. Scott Taylor by countout; (FINALE) Warlord military presses Jamieson. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(WWF/SYN) - [CHALLENGE]: Jim Duggan d. Bob Bradley; Berserker d. Bill Pierce; (VIDEO) Sgt. Slaughter at Lincoln Memorial; (SPECIAL REPORT) Announcement of Hogan-Undertaker at SURVIVOR SERIES; Legion of Doom d. Mike Durham/Mike Williams; Warlord d. Mike Fury; Rockers d. Brian Donahue/Mark Wissell; Barbarian d. Roy Garcia. RESTHOLD.
[SUPERSTARS]: Bossman d. Martin Roy; Beverly Bros. d. Ross Greenberg/Phil Apollo; (FEATURE) Tito Santana w. Mexican people; Jake Roberts d. Tony Diamond; (UPDATE) Hogan-Undertaker announcement; (VIDEO) Slaughter at Lincoln Memorial; Davey Boy Smith d. Paul Perez; (CLIP) Hogan in "Suburban Commando;" Jim Neidhart d. Barry Hardy; Skinner d. Ron Cumberland. RESTHOLD.

(LPWA) - Bad, Black & Beautiful d. The Beast/Alma Alvarez; Bambi d. LaGata; Judy Martin/Lelani Kai d. Desiree Peterson/Sindee Paradise; Medusa Miceli d. Nasty Linda; Misty Blue Simmes/Allison Royal d. Heidi Lee Morgan/Comrade Orga. NO RATING.

SCALE: PINFALL! - Must See. PILEDRIVER - Excellent. POWERSLAM - Good. DRAW - Average. RESTHOLD - Fair. BOMB - Poor. PLUS - Midscale rating.

(AWA: LOOKING BACK) - [1981] Jerry Blackwell d. Brad Rheingans; [1981] Larry Hennig d. Adrian Adonis; [1981/AWA WORLD TITLE] Verne Gagne d. Nick Bockwinkel to retain belt. DRAW.

(IWCW) - Scott Putski d. The Psycho; Samu d. Cash Jackson; (PWI REPORT) Rick Rude; Sampson d. Dusty Wolfe; [6TH RERUN] Ray Odyssey d. Tasmaniac by DQ when Boston Bad Boy beats Ray w. baseball bat. BOMB.

(SUNCOAST PRO) - Penelope Paradise d. Tina Heart-break; (SEGMENT) Paradise refuses to go into cage during Jumbo Baretta-Superstar match, then says she's selling contract of Giant Outlaw to Grizzly Bear Ray; (SEG) Stabbing of Chris Proctor forces him from tag tourney; (SUNCOAST FLA. TAG SEMIFINALS) Big Charlie Fields/Giant Outlaw vs. Kenny Kendall/Ian Weston in progress as show ends. NO RATING.

(WCW/SYN) - [WCW PRO]: Bobby Eaton d. Doug Sommers; (WNN) Gordon Solie on Freebirds-Enforcers challenge, Paul E. Dangerously/Missy Hyatt in L.A. to find out about Chamber of Horrors. Paul E. dons wolfman mask & scares Missy; Axl Rotten d. Chris Sullivan; (FEATURE) Ron Simmons trains at Fla. State, gets pep talk from Bobby Bowden; Lex Luger d. Terry Bronson; (WCW TV TITLE) Brian Pillman d. Steve Austin by DQ for over-top. Austin keeps belt; (From WCW) Cactus Jack/Abdullah the Butcher celebrate Sting's birthday; Young Pistols d. Zan Panzer/Sommers. RESTHOLD.

[WORLD WIDE]: Patriots d. Rip Rogers/Paul Lee; (WNN) Same as WCW PRO; P.N. News d. Tony Mello; Larry Zbyszko d. Jimmy Garvin after Arn Anderson decks Jimmy; Pillman/Mike Graham d. Thomas Rich/Terrence Taylor; (WCW TV TITLE) Austin d. Steve Armstrong w. trunks & foot on ropes after Steve crashes into Jeannie Clarke; (FEATURE) Simmons at FSU; Rick Steiner d. Lou Fabiano. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(WCW/TBS) - [POWER HOUR]: P.N.N. d. Mike Fever; Big Josh d. Panzer; Johnny B. Badd d. Keith Hart; Diamond Stud d. T.C. Carter; (HALLOWEEN HAVOC CONTROL CENTER) Solie on Luger-Simmons, Paul E./Missy in L.A.; Tracy Smothers d. Bob Cook; (MISSY DOES MAIL) Simmons FSU video, Luger workout video; Bill Kazmaier/Pillman d. Abdullah/Cactus by DQ when Abby breaks up Kaz' pin w. kendo stick. RESTHOLD.

[WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP]: Josh/Pillman d. Rich/Taylor; Badd d. John Faulkner; (HHCC) Same as PH; (WCW TV TITLE) Austin d. Todd Champion w. knucks. After, Dustin Rhodes runs in, bulldogs Steve, tells ref to check Jeannie for knucks. Jeannie exits; Pistols d. Mike Thor/Cook; (SEG) Harley Race taunts Simmons; (FEATURE) Simmons at FSU; Eaton d. Rogers & Z-Ref decks Rip after; Rotten d. Joey Maggs; (MUSIC VIDEO) Van Hammer & band; (WCW WORLD TAG TITLE) Enforcers d. Screaming Eagles when Arn hits Michael P.S. Eagle w. belt for Larry Z to pin. DRAW.

[MAIN EVENT]: Cactus Jack d. Eaton when Abby whumps him w. kendo stick but Bobby chases Cactus after; Sim-

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mons d. Fever; (FEATURE) Simmons at FSU; (HHCC) Same as other TBS shows; (REPLAY) Enforcers d. Screaming Eagles; Freebirds d. Maggs/Sullivan; (DANGER ZONE) Paul E. w. Cactus/Abby; Steiner d. Zbyszko. DRAW.

(USWA/WMC) - [OPENING SEG] Dog of War demands to know where Jimmy Valiant is, claiming Valiant stole his woman, "Flea;" Dog d. Chris Frazier; (MID-SOUTH COLISEUM/USWA VS. GLOBAL TV TITLE) Jerry Lawler d. Eddie Gilbert by DQ when Billy Joe Travis plays El Kabong on Lawler's head w. guitar. No belts change; (LAST WEEK) Eric Embry d. Lawler when Travis conks Lawler w. guitar; Doug Masters d. T.D. Steel; (VIDEO) Lawler at charity softball game w. C&W music stars in Nashville; Lawler vs. Bull Pain no contest when Travis busts Lawler's guitar autographed by stars and rips autographed program; (ANGLE) Lawler goes to parking lot & smashes windows of Travis' car w. baseball bat until B.J. agrees to sign match vs. Lawler; (MSC) Jeff Jarrett/Robert Fuller vs. Embry/Tom Prichard no contest when brawl erupts; Jarrett/Fuller d. Texas Outlaws by DQ when Embry/Prichard run in & handcuff Jeff/Robert to ropes, lacerate them, Danny Davis/Bill Dundee try to save & Dundee juices. Lawler saves w. bat; Davis/Dundee no contest vs. Embry/Prichard when 10-man brawl erupts. POWERSLAM.

LINES OF THE WEEK

1. Roddy Piper, PTW, on Bobby Heenan: "Here's a man that not only has the same with as Buddy Hackett but the same body." 2. Steven DeTruth, WVEU, to Piper: "Face it, Rodney: you're just a speedbump in Hulk Hogan's driveway for Ric Flair, you Tom Prichard soundalike!" 3. Piper, PTW, on Heenan: "I'm the one who hit Cyndi Lauper...that puts you in good company." 4. Scott Anthony/DeTruth, PW '91: (SA) "That Chris Walker wears tinted contact lenses and extensions in his hair." (SD) "At least he doesn't have extensions in his contact lenses." (SA) "Boy, that'd be weird!" 5. Piper, PTW, on Flair: "You Phyllis Diller lookalike...you Liberace geek, you." 6. Cactus Jack, WME: "Just because I don't wear a 3-piece suit doesn't mean we're not businessmen." 7. Randy Savage/Piper, SOW, on I.R. Schyster: (RS) "He basically told off Vince McMahon." (RP) "We do that every week." 8. Piper/McMahon, SOW: (RP) "You go home to your happy wife with no knot on the side of your head." (V) "I just have one on my back." 9. Jerry Lawler, USWA, on B.J. Travis: "The only thing athletic about you is your stinkin' feet." 10. DeTruth, PW '91, on revelation Scott Hudson nearly played across line from Ron Simmons in prep football years: "You mean you almost faced Ron Simmons on the football field? No wonder you and your hairline headed north." 11. Craig Johnson, ESPN: "Buddy Landell obviously using his own monitor which has already been edited for his viewing." 12. Jim Ross, PH: "P.N. News is getting ready to do a little rap...oughtta go good with your scrambled eggs." 13. Ross, PH, on J.B. Badd: "You've got to look beyond the sizzle...because he can deliver the proverbial steak." 14. Ross, PH: "Pillman's having about as much success against Abdul-lah as the Cincinnati Bengals have had against the rest of the National Football League." 15. Bobby Bow-

den, WCW, to Simmons: "When you think he may be about to turn you, don't forget, your ol' coach will be out there watching you." 16. Hudson, MLW, on Handsome Stranger: "I don't want a flower from the guy but he's a nice guy to be around." 17. McMahon, SOW, on Piper/Savage: "Two guys who proved the Earth is flat because they went over the edge years ago."

STRONGEST COMMENTS - 1. Eddie Gilbert, PRO WRESTLING SPOTLIGHT: "What I'm going to call for is for Jack Petrik to very much think about whether he wants a friend and watch his company just go downhill or hire somebody else and get the business out of the red. We can't wait any longer. We need it now!" 2. Piper, PTW: "Flair, you've been playing Triple-A ball for too long. We've been here since the beginning of the WWF." 3. Hudson/Anthony, PW '91: (SA) "I wonder why Dave Mason was a no-show last week." (SH) "Probably studied at the Buddy Landell School of Wrestling." (SA) "Oooo, that's low, Hudson." 4. Rich Mancuso, WFAN: "If I hear something from one person, it's a rumor. If I hear it from two people, it's a fact."

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - 1. Anthony, PW '91, on Golden Boys (Donovans): "Where's Estelle Getty when you need her?" 2. Hudson/Johnson, MLW, on ref James Beard tossing Mario Santana onto Million \$ Baby: (SH) "Do we give James Beard an assist at the official scorer's table?" (CJ) "We go to that official scorer a lot during these midget matches." 3. Johnson, ESPN, to Landell: "Are you chairman of the Wild Bill Irwin Fan Club?"

NICKNAMES OF THE WEEK - 1. IN-LAW JOEL DEATON (DeTruth on Outlaw Joel Deaton). 2. ANNOUNCER WANNA-BE (Anthony on Hudson). 3. FRED & WILMA (DeTruth on Samuel F. Kent/Boni Blackstone). 4. MR. LASH (Bill Irwin on his whip). 5. BUDDY & CRAIG'S BOGUS ADVENTURES (Landell on himself/Johnson at mike). 6. BEVERLY SISTERS (Bushwackers on Beverly Bros.). 7. FLUFF & DUFF (Piper on Beverlys).

BEST PICTURES - 1. MLW, Scotty dressed as Thelma Harper. 2. WMC, 10-man brawl. 3. WCW, J.B. Badd shooting confetti from popgun. 4. MLW, Ref dumping Mario Santana onto Million \$ Baby. 5. MLW, Barry Horowitz legdropping Santana. 6. MLW, Chaz holding onto headlock by Lightning Kid's nose. 7. MLW, Craig Johnson's head darting back when Irwin cracks whip. 8. PTW, Warlord military pressing Jamieson.

PINOCCHIO AWARD - Hulk Hogan, CBS THIS MORNING, on WWF as leaders of steroid testing programs in sport.

DREADED GLITCH AWARD - 1. WCW, for spelling Michael Hayes' first name "MICHEAL."

BLOOPER AWARD - 1. PH, Ross calls J.B. Badd's opponent Scott Sandlin while graphic identifies him as Keith Hart.

SUNCOAST PRO MAKES OFFER

SUNCOAST PRO WRESTLING promoter Henry Raines is offering free tickets to all MATWATCH subscribers for SPW's Oct. 26 show in Palmetto FL for a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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MATWATCHING

KERRY HOSPITALIZED: Kerry Von Erich was reportedly hospitalized near his Texas home last Thursday. He was off the WWF circuit over the weekend. Reasons have not been confirmed.

MORE ON THE FLAP: Talk has been off and on since last year of USWA owner Jerry Jarrett eventually becoming part of the WCW front office. Sources close to the controversy say a joint WCW-USWA show would be a step toward that. But the same people say Jarrett far more eyes Jim Herd's slot than being booker.

MONDAY IN MEMPHIS: Jerry Lawler took on Billy Joe Travis in a grudge battle after a WMC angle Saturday which sent Lawler into the parking lot to bash Travis' car windows to lure him into agreeing to the match.

ALSO MONDAY: Jeff Jarrett & Robert Fuller met Embury & Tom Prichard in a handcuff match where Tony Falk kept the keys for the faces and Tony Anthony held them for the heels.

AND THE REST: Bill Dundee/Danny Davis vs. Texas Outlaws, Dog of War vs. Dutch Mantel, Anthony vs. Doug Masters and a 6-person mixed match with Falk/Bull Pain/Samantha vs. New Kids/Brandy Wine.

GLOBAL IMPORTS: Bull Pain and Samantha are headed to Global. Friday, The Patriot (Del Wilkes) retained the Global North American belt vs. One Man Gang.

LARRY HOSTS STEVE: WWF's Steve Planamenta guested on THE LARRY KATZ SHOW Sunday, Larry's first-ever WWF-related guest. Planamenta said the Titan's European tour sold out all cities except Paris.

A HART MATCH: Either next Monday and Tuesday or during a three-night series of WWF TV tapings, a set of Ric Flair-Bret Hart dark matches is scheduled.

IRV'S ANSWER: Irv Muchnick rakes over Hulk Hogan's appearance last week on CBS THIS MORNING in this week's VILLAGE VOICE. Hogan touted the usual Titan party line of being a role model for steroid testing.

SATURDAY AT THE OMNI: WCW drew 4,500 but only about 2,300 paid. Ron Simmons & Barry Windham d. Lex Luger & Curtis Hughes when Simmons pinned Hughes. After, ref Dusty Rhodes elbowed Harley Race.

THEY SAID IT: Atlanta fans were told Thanksgiving night will kick off the Van Hammer Tour. Oh, well, at least the video was well-done.

STANDING IN: Oz (Kevin Nash) replaces El Gigante for scheduled matches Wednesday and Thursday in Japan.

CORRECTION: We're told Medusa Miceli didn't call Joe Pedicino for thanks on her WCW hiring. The conversation took place elsewhere.

THE WOMEN OF WCW: Medusa faces Lelani Kai on Saturday's WCW and is involved in an angle with Jeannie Clarke after a P.N. News-Steve Austin WCW TV title match. But Oct. 26, she appears to go heel, doing a run-in during a Bambi-Judy Martin match. She says she's the only woman who deserves to be in WCW.

MORE SATURDAY: Ron Simmons announces Dusty Rhodes will be his manager to counter Harley Race in the HALLOWEEN HAVOC topline. Curtis Hughes will be banned from ringside.

OTHER BOUTS: Larry Zbyszko goes against Michael Hayes. Arn Anderson gets involved & juice flows. In addition, a 6-man is skedded with Big Josh/Bobby Eaton/Mike Graham vs. York Foundation.

HAVOC EVE: On the 26th, Barry Windham gives an interview which gives no more of a clue as to why he's on the heel side in the Chamber of Horrors. Eaton & Sting take on Cactus Jack & Abdullah the Butcher.

MAGGS HURT: Joey Maggs is scheduled for an upcoming three-week tour of Japan but hurt his shoulder in a match vs. Richard Morton to air on the 26th.

PROCTOR STABBED: Florida indie wrestler Chris Proctor is recovered from stab wounds in a non-ring incident. Get-well wishes may be sent to him at: P.O. BOX 413, RUSKIN FL 33570.

FLORIDA INDIE ACTION: A crowd of 210 turned out Thursday night for a Florida CWF show at American Legion Post 139 in Tampa. Black Panther retained the Pan-American title over Pat Powers and Hurricane Walker d. Tex Salenger by DQ in a match where Jim Backlund & Ron Slinker became involved and juiced.

MALENKO'S MEN: Boris Malenko's UWF drew 400 at The Doll House in Tampa Saturday. The finale saw Billy Freedom win a battle royal by eliminating Paul Sampson at the end.

NEXT WEEK: We'll resume the six-parter on 50 YEARS OF MAT TELEVISION.

WCW BLOWS AWAY PACK

RATINGS RAP

The combo of a special Saturday night WCW MAIN EVENT and WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING ran away with the field in the Nielsen cable ratings race for the week ending Oct 7.

Coupled with the fourth straight subpar performance for WWF PRIME TIME, the WME/WCW pair (figured jointly for the two-hour rating period by Nielsen) scored a strong 2.8 rating and 5.9 per cent share of audience.

Of note is the strong showing of WCW POWER HOUR, which broke its all-time Saturday morning record with a 2.1, just one-tenth under the PRIME TIME outing with Roddy Piper as featured guest.

WWF ALL-AMERICAN and Sunday's WCW MAIN EVENT, which aired in a special 1:10 p.m. slot, trailed at 2.0.

CABLE

Week Ending Oct. 7	Rating/Share	Total Homes	Year Ago
WCW M.E./WLD CH (TBS 10/5)	2.8/5.9	1.62 million	2.8/6.5
WWF PRIME TIME (USA 10/7)	2.2/3.2	1.27 million	2.6/3.8
WCW POWER HOUR (TBS 10/5)	2.1/8.8	1.22 million	2.1/3.8
WCW MAIN EVENT (TBS 10/6)	2.0/4.7	1.16 million	2.1/4.2
WWF ALL-AMERICAN (USA 10/7)	2.0/5.3	1.16 million	2.5/6.2

GILBERT CALLS FOR JIM HERD'S OUSTER

NEW YORK---Global TV champion Eddie Gilbert, in a heated and unexpected commentary Sunday on New York radio's PRO WRESTLING SPOTLIGHT, called on World Championship Wrestling president Jack Petrik to replace WCW executive vice president Jim Herd, saying, "We can't wait any longer, or there's not going to be any WCW around."

Gilbert, who called the John Arezzi-hosted PWS program during a segment where PRO WRESTLING TORCH editor Wade Keller was guest, was highly critical of WCW's suspension of Paul E. Dangerously (see page 1), saying "The only thing Paul E. Dangerously is guilty of is being my friend. I think WCW has taken it (the Dangerously situation) out on me."

The Lexington TN native, who has aborted a scheduled three-week program in the USWA vs. Jerry Lawler (in which a planned USWA title change to Gilbert was scrubbed), was also critical of the roles of USWA owner Jerry Jarrett and Lawler in the controversy and called for scrutiny of the role of WCW's Jim Ross.

Said Gilbert: "It's no secret that Jerry Lawler and Jerry Jarrett do not care for Paul E. I found out WCW was going to be doing this taping in Memphis. I called Jerry Lawler and said, 'Are you going to be wrestling Lex Luger in Memphis?' He got all upset and said, 'Whoever told you needs to be fired.'

"Somehow, it got back that Jerry Jarrett supposedly called for the firing of Paul E. Dangerously. How Paul E.'s name came from me talking to Lawler ---the only thing I can think of is they went after Paul E. because he was my friend. Somehow, Paul E. takes the rap for it. I still did not know what they were gonna do. I only put two-and-two together and asked Lawler. Paul E. was called in without even checking it out. Paul E. has been made the scapegoat for this."

Gilbert went on to accuse WCW of mishandling his scheduled return to the group earlier this year. Herd told MATWATCH at the time Gilbert had been expected as late as the night of a midwest taping and later sent a videotape explaining he did not feel it was in his interest to come into the promotion as a babyface.

Turning to the promotion itself, Eddie said: "I'm really sick and tired of WCW. If they would put as much energy into worrying about what direction they're headed instead of picking on small things like this, they'd be much better off. The situation like me

throughout three years has not been business ... it's been very personal. This has not been a business decision. I don't see how they could even think about sending him home without checking his story."

Gilbert then turned his ire to Ross. "I think that if there was, like, an internal investigation, I think they need to be looking at him when word gets out. I think he has used other people as a scapegoat. I think he has gotten out of other situations in the past by using other people."

"I talked to Lawler Wednesday and I wanted to make sure he knew Jim Ross had it (the Luger-Lawler match) on his Saturday night hotline. No one ever talks about Jim Ross bad. No one ever questions anything he does and I think it's time they looked at him."

A stunned Arezzi told MATWATCH Sunday night he would contact all WCW parties Monday for a response. MATWATCH tried to reach Ross Saturday but he is barred from public comment without WCW approval.

Gilbert saved his call for Petrik for last. "When Mr. Petrik hired Jim Herd, it wasn't for any other reason than for being his close friend. Someone he could trust to run a company for him. What I am gonna call for, we need to do it now. We can't wait any longer. I don't care if it's Bill Watts, even if it's Jimmy Crockett---it (WCW) needs a wrestling person running the company. What I'm going to call for is for Jack Petrik to very much think about whether he wants a friend and just watch his company go downhill, or hires somebody like Bill Watts or somebody to get the business out of the red. We need it done now!"

EDITOR'S NOTE

As late as our Monday morning deadline, we were still attempting to contact Petrik, Herd, Ross, Jarrett and Lawler for responses to this late development. We will report our findings in next week's issue.

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